

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 21-A: ELECTIONS**  
**Chapter 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§3. SIGNATURES AND NAMES**

When this Title requires a name or signature on a document, immaterial irregularities do not invalidate the name or signature if the identity of the person named is clear to the public official charged with reviewing that document. [2009, c. 538, §2 (AMD).]

**1. Immaterial irregularities.** Immaterial irregularities include, but are not limited to, misspelling, inclusion or omission of initials and substitution of initials or nicknames for given names.

[ 1997, c. 436, §8 (AMD) . ]

**2. Application.** This policy applies to circumstances including, but not limited to, the following:

A. Absentee ballot applications; [1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

B. Absentee ballot affidavits; [1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

C. Signatures on petitions; and [1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

D. Names appearing for write-in candidates on ballots. [1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

[ 2009, c. 538, §2 (AMD) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW). 1997, c. 436, §8 (AMD). 2009, c. 538, §2 (AMD).

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